

# MERCILESS BEAUTY.

Three Rondels.

VIOLIN I.

Poems by  
CHAUCER.

# I

Music by  
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Andante con moto.

VOICE. *8*  
 .. woundeth it through-out my her-të kene. And but your word will helen

VIOLIN. *8*  
*p*

has - ti - ly My her - tës woun - dë, while that it is green, Your ey - ën two will slay me sud - den - ly; I

*pp*

may the beauty of them not sus - tene. — Up - on my troth I say you

*(rubato)*

faithful - ly, That ye be of my life — and death the queen, For with my death the

tru - thë shall be seen. — Your ey - ën two will slay me sud - den - ly; I

*pp*

may the beauty of them not sus - tene, So woundeth it through - out my her - të kene. —

*ten.*

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II

Lento moderato.

*senza misura*

{So hath your beauty from your  
{hertè chased Pity, that me ne a-} -vailleth not to plain: For Daunger halt your mercy in his chain.

(CELLO SOLO.) *p*

a tempo

Guiltless my death thus have ye me pur-chased; I say you sooth, me needeth not to feign:

*pp*

(freely)

a tempo

So hath your beauty from your hertè chased Pi-ty, that me ne a-vailleth not to plain. A - las!

*colla voce* *f* *p* *f*

that na-ture hath in you com-passed — So great beau - ty that no man may at - tain To

*p*

*largamente* a tempo

(freely)

mer - cy, tho' he stervè for the pain! — So hath your beauty from your hertè chased Pi-ty, that

*colla voce* *colla voce* *f* *p*

a tempo

me ne a-vail-eth not to plain; For Daunger halt your mercy in his chain. —

*p*

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## III

Allegro.

Since I from Love es - - ca - pèd am so

*p* *leggiero*

fat, — I nev - er think to ben in his pri - son lean; Since I am

*pizz.* *arco*

free I count him not, I count him not, I count him not — a bean.

*f*

He may an - swer, and say - è this or

*pizz.* *p*

that I do no force, I speak right — as I mean: Since I from

*arco* *pp*

Love es - - ca - pèd am so fat, — I nev - er think to ben in his

*pizz.*

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pri-son lean. Love hath my name y - strike out of his sclat, And he is

arco

strike out of my bookes clean For ev - er - more; there is none o - ther mean.

Largamente. ad lib. p

f colla voce p

Since I from Love es - - ca-ped am so fat, I nev-er think to ben in his

a tempo pp

prison lean; Since I am free I count him not, I count him not, I

cresc. f p

count him not a bean.

poco rall. f p